180. In addition to the above, concession of taking anjan leaves free of charge for fodder was given in the Khándesh and Násik districts; and in West Khándesh the Sátpuda Bhils were allowed to take grass in head-loads free for sale throughout the hot weather.

IV.—PRODUCE REMOVED BY RIGHT-HOLDERS.

181. It is impossible to classify or record all that is taken, but there is not the least doubt that a very large sum of money represents the loss to the State in the Forest Department, both in the capital value of the forests and in the commercial value of the timber and other forest produce appropriated, for there is wide evidence to show that forests are seriously injured by the proceedings in the enjoyment or exercise of forest rights and of forest privileges. The Divisional Forest Officer, West Khándesh, reports that he has nothing to add to the remarks made by him in the last year's report as to the disastrous effect of the live wood privileges under the North Tápti Code on the forests of the Sátpudas. The Sátpuda Bhils were allowed to remove dead and fallen teakwood at low rates towards the end of the hot weather: they promptly abused the privilege by manufacturing dead wood in considerable quantities and the Divisional Forest Officer was obliged to ask the Collector to revoke the concession in consequence.

182. The issue of free grazing permits for the last two years is compared below :—

Division.	Animals.		Value.	
	1895-96.	1896-97.	1895-96.	1896-97.
			Rs.	Rs.
East Khándesh	11,201	15,220	6,885	8,803
West Khándesh	26,185	22,363	14,065	12,994
Násik	79,879	77,643	41,015	38,893
Ahmednagar	5,808	4,622	3,096	2,503
Poona	91,741	120,760	53,140	66,554
Sátára	43,439	52,500	24,771	29,118
Sholápur	6,130	9,456	3,423	4,740
Total ...	264,383	302,564	1,46,395	1,63,605

183. Thus it will be seen that a larger number of animals has been free-grazed in the forests under issued permits than during the previous year, and that the value of this free grazing is greater. But the above figures do not, as has been explained already, show the whole value of the free grazing enjoyed by village cattle within the forests, for when the scarcity of fodder and the distress amongst cattle became pronounced and additional forest areas were opened to free grazing, cattle were admitted without permits being issued in respect of them, and practically all the able bodied cattle of the Deccan villages went into forest areas when within reach of the villages to pick up whatever they could find to eat.

184. The following statement gives an approximate estimate of the value of forest produce lost to the forest revenue by concessions in the several divisions :—

No.	Division.	Timber.	Firewood.	Bamboos.	Other minor produce.	Grazing and grass.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	East Khándesh ...	215	1,088	300	328	47,721	49,652
2	West Khándesh ..	1,414	...	...	...	12,994	14,408
3	Násik	601	1,450	...	7,650	68,889	78,590
4	Ahmednagar ...	129	...	...	600	43,632	44,361
5	Poona... ...	464	1,174	...	2,094	72,305	1,40,441
6	Sátára... ...	130	25,000	...	4,750	43,242	73,122
7	Sholápur ...	...	9,375	...	...	7,630	17,005
	Total ..	2,953	38,087	300	15,422	3,60,817	4,17,519

185. A statement showing the outturn of timber and forest produce is given in the form appearing in paragraph No. 10 of letter No. $\frac{859\ F.}{126\text{-}3}$, dated 14th September 1896, from the Government of India, as directed in paragraph 9 of Government Resolution No. 8265, dated 21st October 1896, in the Revenue Department:—

Division.	Agency by which material removed.	Material removed.					Average outturn per square mile of all Forests.		
		Timber.	Fuel.	Total wood.	Bamboos.	Minor produce.	Timber and fuel.	Bamboos.	Minor produce.
		Cub. ft.	Cub. ft.	Cub. ft.	No.	Rs.	Cub. ft.	No.	Rs.
East Khándesh	Government	20,960	827,370	848,330	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Purchasers	14,146	385,898	400,044	452,852	82,269	...	...	...
	Free grants	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	2,687	96,345	99,032	20,000	48,049	...	...	...
	Total	37,793	1,309,613	1,347,406	472,852	1,30,318	1,661	583	161
West Khándesh	Government	103,141	467,991	570,132	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Purchasers	183,531	97,128	280,659	462,234	1,16,193	...	...	...
	Free grants	11,624	.....	11,624	2,600	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,994	...	...	...
	Total	297,296	565,119	862,415	464,834	1,29,187	496	268	67
Nasik	Government	564	3,847	4,411	.....	1,353	...	...	...
	Purchasers	529,670	272,142	801,812	69,288	61,952	...	...	...
	Free grants	8,359	39,365	47,724	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	.....	126,150	126,150	.....	76,539	...	...	...
	Total	538,593	441,504	980,097	69,288	1,39,844	766	54	109
Ahmednagar	Government	39,864	9,070	48,934	.....	1,413	...	...	...
	Purchasers	.....	33,509	33,509	25,912	40,181	...	...	...
	Free grants	3,432	.....	3,432	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	.....	.....	.....	.....	44,232	...	...	...
	Total	43,296	42,579	85,875	25,912	85,826	101	31	101
Poona	Government	20,178	566,160	586,338	.....	1,282	...	...	...
	Purchasers	23,525	351,367	374,892	31,492	42,354	...	...	...
	Free grants	3,005	.....	3,005	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	.....	.....	.....	.....	74,399	...	...	...
	Total	46,708	917,527	964,235	31,492	1,18,035	1,356	44	166
Sátára	Government	81,123	627,260	708,383	.....	16,479	...	...	...
	Purchasers	2,233	9,007	11,240	37,751	39,252	...	...	...
	Free grants	175	.....	175	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	.....	4,000,000	4,000,000	.....	47,992	...	...	...
	Total	83,531	4,636,267	4,719,798	37,751	1,03,723	6,761	54	141
Sholápur	Government	.....	1,916	1,916	.....	43	...	...	...
	Purchasers	.....	12,200	12,200	.....	20,537	...	...	...
	Free grants	.....	1,500,000	1,500,000	.....	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,630	...	...	...
	Total	.....	1,514,116	1,514,116	.....	28,210	5,446	...	101
All divisions combined.	Government	264,830	2,503,614	2,768,444	.....	20,570	...	...	...
	Purchasers	753,105	1,161,251	1,914,356	1,079,529	4,02,738	...	...	...
	Free grants	26,595	39,365	65,960	2,600	.....	...	...	...
	Right-holders	2,687	4,222,495	4,225,182	20,000	3,11,835	...	...	...
	Total, 1896-97	1,047,217	7,926,725	8,973,942	1,102,129	7,35,143	1,410	173	115

CHAPTER IV.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

186. The receipts, expenditure and net revenue of this and the preceding year are compared below :—

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.			Surplus.
		A.—Conservancy and Works.	B.—Establishments.	Total.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1895-96	7,59,605	1,63,449	3,63,758	5,27,207	2,32,398
1896-97	7,04,365	3,03,499	3,89,901	6,93,400	10,964
Increase ...	...	1,40,050	26,143	1,66,193	...
Decrease ...	55,240	...	...	...	2,21,434